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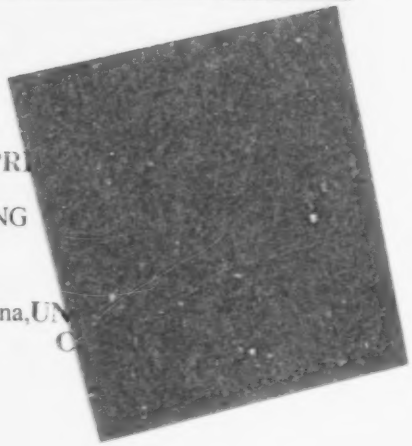

Eighteenth session

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 1st MEETING

Held at the Vienna International Centre, Vienna,
on Friday, 12 September 1997, at 10 a.m.

President: Mr. POSTA (Hungary)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

OPENING OF THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION

1. **The PRESIDENT** declared open the eighteenth session of the Industrial Development Board.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

2. **The PRESIDENT** announced that Mr. Bøjer (Denmark) would be unable to fulfil his functions as Vice-President because he had left Vienna for another posting, so that a new officer would have to be elected, with due regard to geographical distribution. As Group B had nominated Mr. Wølk (Denmark) to serve as Vice-President, he invited the Board to consider that candidature.

3. *Mr. Wølk (Denmark) was elected by acclamation*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION (IDB.18/1/Rev.1, and Add.1)

4. **The PRESIDENT** announced that a new item 7 entitled "International Centre for Science and High Technology" appeared in the revised provisional agenda.

5. It had been decided that provisional agenda items 1 to 3 and the adoption of the report would be considered during the first segment of the current session and that the remaining items would be considered at the resumed session in November.

6. *The provisional agenda (IDB.18/1/Rev.1) was adopted.*

RECOMMENDATION OF A CANDIDATE FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL (IDB.18/6 and Add.1, IDB.18/7)

7. **The PRESIDENT** announced that he had received the nominations of five candidates, but that one candidature, that of Mr. Rwendeire (Uganda), had been withdrawn. He would give Mr. Rwendeire the opportunity to make a statement.

8. **Mr. RWENDEIRE** (Uganda) said that the Board had been informed at its seventeenth session that the Organization of African Unity supported the candidature of Ms. King-Akerele. As the delegation of Japan had stated that it would not support a candidate who had had any association with UNIDO, and as Ms. King-Akerele had been a UNIDO staff member, his Government had put his name forward so that more Africans could compete for the post. His Government had hoped that the OAU would reconsider its position, since its decision had been taken before the Japanese statement was made. However, the OAU had not changed its mind, so that his candidature had been withdrawn.

9. He thanked those who had supported him and expressed his belief in the need for a new framework of co-operation based on the realization of a common destiny.

The meeting rose at 10.30 a.m.